

agencies. Department of Education has also set up Kendriya Vidyalayas and Novodaya Vidyalayas which are open to all, irrespective of their caste, creed, sex or region. Colleges are established by State Governments universities or private trusts keeping in view the requirement of education in the given region and availability of resources. Central Government or UGC do not set up any colleges on their own.

[Translation]

Land Submerged Due to Seepage

2979. SHRI NIHAL CHAND CHAUHAN : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether thousands of acres of land submerged due to seepage in the Hanumangarh of Rajasthan;

(b) whether there is any proposal to give financial assistance by the Central Government to the State Government to deal with the problem of seepage; and

(c) if so, the quantum thereof and details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) As reported by Govt. of Rajasthan about 6000 ha. of area under Command of Bhakra Canal System and Indira Gandhi Nahar Stage-I in Hanumangarh district are affected due to seepage.

(b) No Sir, Central Assistance is provided to States in the form of Block Loan and Block Grants and not tied to any specific project, programme or region.

(c) Does not arise.

[English]

Capacity of Periyar Dam

2980. SHRI A.G.S. RAM BABU : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether any proposal is lying with the Union Government in regard to increase in the capacity of Periyar Dam. Tamil Nadu from 136 feet to 152 feet;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken/ being taken by the Government in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) to (c). Mulla Periyar Dam was constructed in 1897 with Full Reservoir Level at Elevation at 152 ft. The safety of the dam was reviewed in 1979 and it was decided to fill reservoir upto elevation 136 ft. only till strengthening works of the dam were completed by the Government of Tamil Nadu. The strengthening works have since been completed by the Government of Tamil Nadu. However, the Government of Kerala has not agreed to fill the reservoir beyond elevation 136 ft. This Ministry has taken up the matter with the Government of Kerala who have informed that

an Adhoc Committee of the State Legislators had examined the issues and has recommended constitution of a technical committee of experts to study the safety of the dam.

Congestion on NH-35 in West Bengal

2981. SHRI CHITTA BASU : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that wide spread traffic congestion between Chandpara and Bongaon in North 24 Parganas of West Bengal on the NH-35, is causing severe inconveniences for the people of Bongaon town and other neighbouring places;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Indo-Bangladesh trade is being adversely affected by these frequent congestions;

(c) whether Government of West Bengal have since submitted any package of proposals to meet the situation;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps the Government propose to take to ease the congestion?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) to (e). On NH-35, near Bongaon, trucks awaiting clearance at Bangla Desh border checkpost, get lined up by the roadside. In order to streamline traffic flow near checkpost, work of construction of another 2 lane road parallel to the existing NH between Hakar bridge and Bangladesh border and widening single lane reaches near border to 5.5 m. width, has been sanctioned and the same is at tendering stage. Besides, the construction of truck parking layby near the checkpost is also proposed.

[Translation]

Extension of N.H.

2982. JUSTICE GUMAN MAL LODHA : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to extend the length of National Highways in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a National Highway Authority of India was set up for extension and development of the National Highways in the country; and

(d) if so, the amount of annual average expenditure incurred on the said authority during the previous years?

THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) and (b). There is no such proposal at present.

(c) The National Highways Authority of India was set up as a Central agency for taken up the development and maintenance of National Highways.

(d) Government has released Rs. 3.00 crores each in 1994-95 and 1995-96 as grant-in-aid to the Authority.

[English]

Defence Lands on Lease for Schools in Delhi Cantt.

2983. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Defence lands have been given on lease for running Army Public School and the Air Force School at Dhaula Kuan and Subroto Park in Delhi Cantt;

(b) if so, the terms and conditions of the lease and area that have been leased and amount of lease rent charges;

(c) whether these schools are run by societies floated under the aegis of Army/Air Force and if so, whether the Government have any control over these societies;

(d) whether three types of rates for tuition fees are charged from the students and if so, details thereof;

(e) whether the rates of tuition fees other charges have been approved by the Government and whether these are in conformity with the rules framed by the Education Department of Government;

(f) if not, whether Government propose to take any action to correct this situation; and

(g) whether children of parents not serving in Army/Air Force are admitted into these schools and if so, the rates of fees payable by such children?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir, the Defence Land measuring 30.50 acres has been leased for running of the Army Public School at Dhaula Kuan under two separate leases on nominal rent of Rs.2/- per annum (@ Rupee 1/- per lease) and 15 acres of land has been leased for the Air Force School at Subroto Park in Delhi Cantonment on payment of nominal rent Rs.1.50/- per annum. The other main terms and conditions are that the land will be used only for the school purposes and prior permissions for construction of buildings will be obtained from the competent authority as per the lease deed.

(c) Yes, Sir. Army Public School is run by Army Welfare Education Society under Delhi State Education Act and rules, 1973. The Air Force School is run by IAF Educational and Cultural Society registered under Societies Registration Act, 1860.

(d) In Army Public School four types of tuition fee and in Air Force three types of tuition fee are charged. The details are given in the enclosed Statement.

(e) and (f). The rates of tuition fees and other charges in Army Public School are intimated to the Education Department. In the Air Force School the rates

of tuition fee are approved by IAF Educational & Cultural Society and are filed with the Directorate of Education Delhi Administration. The Army Public School are established with the non-public Army Welfare Funds partly subscribed by the Defence personnel and Air Force School are funded by IAF Educational and Cultural Society. The fee structure is therefore, different for the wards of the Officers, JCOs, ORs, Air Force Airmen, Air Force Officers and those of Civilians. It is not considered necessary to remove the differential fee structure.

(g) Yes, Sir. The details of fee are given in the Statement enclosed.

STATEMENT

The types of rates of tuition fee charged from the students are as under :-

Army Public School

S. Standard No.	OR	JCOs	Officers	Civilians
(In Rupees)				
(a) I-V	110	165	230	390
(b) VI-VIII	120	175	240	410
(c) IX & X	120	175	250	430
(d) XI & XII	130	190	270	460

Air Force School

S. Standard No.	Airmen	Air Force Officers	Non-Air Force
(in Rupees)			
(a) KG-V	120	225	500
(b) VI-X	130	250	600
(c) XI & XIII	150	275	700

(Staff children are exempted from paying tuition-fee)

New Anganwari Schemes

2984. DR. RAM CHANDRA DOME :
DR. BALIRAM :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have decided to handover 10% of all new Anganwaris schemes to private agencies;

(b) whether the Anganwari workers were consulted by the Government on this issue;

(c) whether there has been retrenchment of Anganwari workers following privatisation; and